(c) the details of financial and other assistance to be provided to Andhra Pradesh Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) According to available information, loss of 167 human lives has been reported from Ananthapur, Chittoor, Cuddapah, Guntur, Kurnol and Nellore districts while 45 deaths have been reported from other districts. 21 persons are reported to be missing.

(b) The State Government has estimated the loss to various sectors at about Rs. 925 crore.

(c) Entire Central share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) for 2001-02 amounting to Rs. 155.97 crore has been released to the state for undertaking immediate relief measures in the wake of natural calamities including floods. Assistance from National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) is under consideration.

Scientists in Central Institute of Fisheries Education

597. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether 41 per cent posts of scientists in the Central Institute of Fisheries Education, Mumbai were laying vacant as on 31st March, 2000 and the activities of the Institute are hampered due to acute shortage of scientists;

(b) whether the building work of the deemed University planned in 1986 at a cost of Rs. 6.67 crore has not commenced yet;

(c) whether against annual demand of 200 fisheries scientists, only 221 have passed out from 1995 to 2000;

(d) if so, the reasons for these failures; and

(e) what steps are being taken to remedy these shortcomings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Some scientific posts in the specialized disciplines at the Central Institute of Fisheries Education (CIFE), Mumbai are lying vacant but

this has not led to the activities of the institute being hampered. Teaching programmes were duly attended to with the help of guest faculty and invited lectures from other organizations.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The projected manpower requirement of 200 fisheries scientists per year is on a national basis. 25 per cent of the national requirement is being met out by the CIFE, Mumbai and the rest is through 12 Fisheries Colleges under the State Agricultural University (SAU) system.

(d) and (e) In view of (a), (b) and (c) above, the questions do not arise.

Assistance to Himachal Pradesh for Natural Calamities

598. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated damage to human beings, catties and other properties caused by floods and lightening that hit Himachal Pradesh during the last three years, year-wise and area-wise; and

(b) the details of financial assistance extended by the Union Government by way of loans, advances and grant for relief and rehabilitation of the affected people in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) The loss caused by floods/flash floods in Himachal Pradesh in the last three years, as reported by the state Government, is as under:—

Year		Human Lives lost	Cattle Death	Loss (Rs. in Crores)
1999-2000		30	129	191.51
2000-2001		177	2635	1730.89
2001-2002	(Latest)	45	915	138.25